REMARKS

Applicant has filed this Amendment together with a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement, in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004. Applicant has amended claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17 and 18. Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

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